Come one, come all!

The 97th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, March 19–21

I t’s not too late to plan your time at the meeting (even if you’ve already landed in Atlanta!), which is a good idea because last year saw some 22,676 attendees. You only need to visit the Hinman Web site, www.Hinman.org, where you can:
- search the course schedule;
- download course handouts;
- search the exhibitors’ booths via the interactive floor plan and use the My Agenda Tools to create a list of the booths you want to visit. The list can then be printed or e-mailed;
- redeem Continuing Education Credits without a fee for six months after the meeting. Beyond the time limit, however, there is a $10 fee.

Last year’s meeting had the unfortunate distinction of closing one day early due to a tornado that hit Atlanta on March 14. The Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) sustained serious damage, thus attendees received refunds for prepaid events that were scheduled on March 15. This was the first tornado to touch the downtown Atlanta area since the 1880s, which is when weather record keeping first began. At the time this edition went to press, the 10-day weather forecast for Atlanta had some showers predicted but no severe damage, thus attendees with a name badge and ticket are granted access to any showrooms.

Uptown Entertaining Demonstration Cooking Class ($65)
March 19, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Chef Peter Rubin, a master of French cooking and an Atlanta-based caterer, will prepare: roasted vegetable & mushroom canapés; eggplant caviar with garlic pita chips; spice-crusted strip steaks with roasted red pepper cream; sweet potato, corn and red pepper hash browns; romaine salad with blue cheese, bacon and pears; blueberry bread pudding. Attendees will enjoy wine as they taste this menu. Rubin is also the director of the Viking Cooking School, where this demonstration will take place. (Site: Viking Cooking School, 1745 Peachtree St.)

Keynote Session
March 19, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
The doors to the official Hinman opening ceremony open at 5 p.m. (as does the cash bar), and attendees will enjoy musical accompaniment until 5:30 p.m. Featured clinicians will be introduced during the session. The Keynote Speaker is Neal Boortz, who is a veteran of talk radio. (Site: GWCC Auditorium)

Atlanta Hawks Basketball Game
March 19, 7 p.m.
Hinman attendees may purchase discounted tickets for the Atlanta Hawks game against the Dallas Mavericks.

King Tut Exhibit (Adults, $15; Ages 6–17, $8; Age 5 and under are free)
March 21, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Only in town until May of this year, Atlanta is the North American debut for this new exhibit that includes some 50 objects from Tutankhamun’s tomb. There are also artifacts from King Khufu and Hatshepsut, an Egyptian queen who actually became a king. Visit www.kingtut.org for more information. Hinman attendees can get a discounted rate at www.ticketmaster.com/promo/neoag and will need to pick up their tickets at the Atlantic Civic Center’s Will Call box. (Site: Atlanta Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Ave.)

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